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## HISTORY OF THE COUNTY.

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Richland County was organized March 1, 1813, and embraced territory thirty miles square. By the creation of Ashland, in 1845, and of Marion, in 1848, her boundaries have been reduced to their present limits.

The county, as originally constituted, consisted of twenty-five townships, viz: Auburn, Bloomfield, Bloominggrove, Clearcreek, Congress, Franklin, Green, Hanover, Jefferson, Madison, Mifflin, Milton, Monroe, Montgomery, Orange, Perry, Plymouth, Sandusky, Sharon, Springfield, Troy, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, and Worthington.

With these boundaries, the population of the county in 1820 was 9,168, in 1830 24,007, in 1840 44,823.

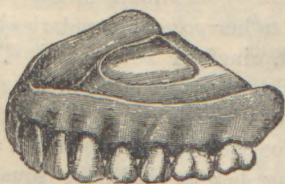
The record shows that from six to nine of the twenty-five townships, as originally surveyed and numbered, were thrown together, forming but three municipalities, or election districts, known as Madison, Jefferson and Green Townships. On August 9th, 1814, the county was divided into four townships, giving to the new one the name of "Vermilion," which embraced twelve-by-eighteen square miles of territory in the north-east corner of the county, most of which is now in Ashland County. This left Green, with twelve-by-twelve square miles in the south-east, Jefferson twelve-by-eighteen in the south-west, and Madison eighteen-by-eighteen in the north-west part of the county. So rapid was the increase of population in the county, that these four townships were soon sub-divided, and new ones formed out of the territory they had embraced. On the 5th of September, 1814, Troy was organized out of the north half of Jefferson, and Mifflin out of the west half of Vermilion, reducing each to six-by-eighteen square miles. On June 6th, 1815, Worthington was organized.

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ized out of the west half of Green, and Montgomery out of the north part (two-thirds) of Vermilion, which reduced her to an original township, embracing six-by-six square miles. On March 4th, 1816, Madison was reduced to her present boundaries by the organization of Bloominggrove and Springfield Townships. The first was made to embrace twelve-by-eighteen square miles in the north-west, known as Sandusky, two-thirds of which is now in Crawford County. On June 3d, 1816, Orange Township was formed out of the north half of Montgomery, reducing her to six-by-six square miles. Thus, in three years, the number had increased from three to eleven organized townships, four of which contained but thirty-six sections each. It is sufficient to state, in this connection, that at different sessions of the Commissioners afterward, others were added to the number, until all the twenty-five townships, as originally surveyed and numbered, were separately organized.

The county, as now constituted, consists of eighteen townships, with a population for the three succeeding decades, as follows:

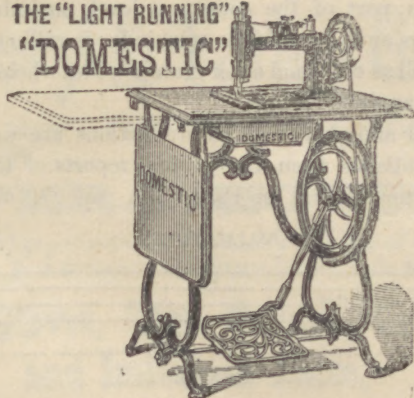
	1850	1860	1870						
				Colored.	White.	Colored.	White.	Colored.	White.
								Foreign.	Native.
									Total.
Bloomington...	...	1430	...	1360	...	1199	34	1165	1199
Butler...	...	1139	...	1050	...	768	54	714	768
Cass...	5	1426	...	1404	2	1272	50	1224	1274
Shiloh Village...	...	...	...	...	...	297	15	282	297
Franklin...	...	1227	...	1128	...	943	27	916	943
Jackson...	...	1063	...	1025	...	934	29	905	934
Jefferson...	...	2564	...	2388	29	2222	68	2183	2251
Belleville Village...	...	...	...	7	713	33	687	720	...
Madison...	...	1578	...	1686	...	1521	127	1394	1521
Mansfield City...	53	3504	13	4568	80	7949	1522	6507	8029
1st. Ward...	...	...	9	879	9	1237	165	1081	1246
2d. Ward...	...	...	1	996	18	2322	433	1907	2340
3d. Ward...	...	...	1	1214	20	2264	449	1835	2284
4th. Ward...	...	...	2	1479	33	2126	475	1684	2159
Mifflin...	...	1106	...	963	...	898	47	851	898
Monroe...	...	1719	...	1765	...	1572	27	1545	1572
Lucas Village...	...	...	...	...	...	312	17	295	312
Perry...	...	924	...	825	...	686	3	683	686
Plymouth...	6	1657	1	1770	...	1609	143	1466	1609
Plymouth Village...	...	...	...	462	...	703	92	611	705
Sandusky...	1	616	...	688	...	682	114	568	682
Sharon...	1	1949	3	2222	4	2758	373	2386	2762
Shelby Village...	...	...	3	1000	4	1803	199	1608	1807
Springfield...	...	2100	...	1756	26	2020	84	1902	2040
Lexington Village...	...	...	...	...	...	482	20	462	482
Troy...	1	1543	1	1547	2	828	47	783	830
Washington...	...	1914	...	1797	1	1495	135	1361	1496
Weller...	...	1290	...	1201	...	1140	72	1068	1140
Worthington...	...	2003	...	1997	...	1876	68	1808	1876

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The character and quality of its productions are well indicated by the following statistics from the general reports of the Secretary of State and Auditor General for 1872:

#### VALUATION.

No. of acres of land.....	308,095
Value of lands.....	\$ 10,296,960
Real estate in towns and cities.....	3,645,050
Cattle property.....	8,193,850
Total valuation.....	\$22,134,860

#### TAXES.

State taxes.....	\$64,191 08
County tax.....	28,775 33
Poor tax.....	4,426 95
Bridge tax.....	13,280 92
Building tax.....	44,269 73
Road tax.....	13,382 47
Township tax.....	10,421 60
School taxes.....	75,909 45
Special taxes.....	3,486 11
City, town and village taxes.....	49,415 53
Delinquent and forfeitures.....	8,998 98
Total taxes for all purposes.....	\$307,589 17

#### MANSFIELD.

The valuation and taxes of the city of Mansfield were as follows:

Total valuation of property.....	\$4,758,640 00
State taxes.....	13,800 05
Amount of local levies.....	98,027 99

Total levies for all purposes..... \$111,828 04

#### PERSONAL PROPERTY IN COUNTY.

	Number.	Value.
Horses.....	9,685	\$ 737,252
Cattle.....	22,504	367,594
Mules, etc.....	230	17,596
Sheep.....	69,274	240,773
Hogs.....	28,634	79,572
Carriages.....	4,600	210,645
Watches.....	1,314	31,205
Pianos.....	421	58,217
Dogs returned for taxation.....	1,442	7,156
Merchants' stocks.....		722,032
Manufacturers' stocks.....		137,445
Value of moneys.....		534,460
Value of credits and book accounts.....		1,624,877
Roads, etc.....		30,128
Bank and other corporation property returned to Auditor.....		2,696,394

Total value of all taxable property.....\$8,100,882

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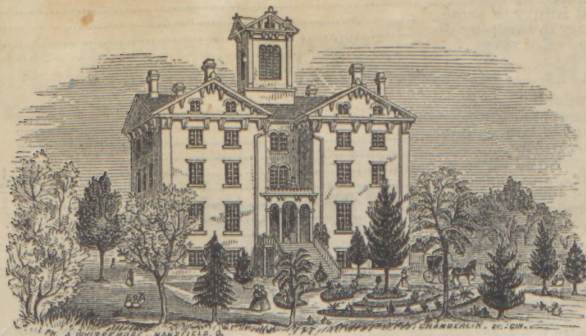
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### FEES OF COUNTY OFFICERS.

The fees of county officers, including clerk hire, were as follows:

Auditor.....	\$2,950 00
Clerk of Courts.....	2,221 06
Prosecuting Attorney.....	700 00
Recorder.....	700 00
Sheriff.....	1,897 75
Sheriff.....	1,650 00
Treasurer.....	3,794 13

### GENERAL PRODUCTIONS.

	Acres.	Bushels.
Wheat.....	26,057	372,977
Rye.....	924	10,122
Buckwheat.....	332	3,733
Oats.....	24,448	928,842
Barley.....	761	18,849
Potatoes.....	1,571	133,952
Corn.....	26,331	931,009
Hay, meadow.....	17,458	22,114
clover.....	15,625	14,092
Clover seed, bush.....		14,020
Acres plowed under.....		676
Tobacco pounds.....		2,550
Butter, ".....		734,131
Cheese, ".....		18,890
Sorghum—pounds sugar.....		37
do —gallons syrup.....		5,110
Sweet potatoes—acres planted.....		6
do —bushels.....		648
Orchards, No. of acres.....		5,759
Apples, bushels.....		368,272
Peaches, do.....		9,400
Pears, do.....		1,853
Maple Sugar, pounds.....		26,583
do do gallons syrup.....		6,792
Grapes—acres in vineyard.....		304
do pounds.....		95,990
do gallons of wine.....		298
Pasturage, acres.....		40,325
Uncultivated land, acres.....		69,852
Wool, pounds.....		242,787
Sheep killed by dogs.....		857
Value of same.....		\$2,834
Sheep injured by dogs.....		580
Estimated injury to same.....		\$1,094
Total injury to sheep by dogs.....		\$3,884
Total number of dogs.....		1,924

### SUNDRY ITEMS.

County indebtedness.....	\$ 76,100 00
Amount provided for payment.....	8,994 68
Net amount of county debts.....	67,105 32
Debt of townships.....	7,367 48
Debt of cities and villages.....	155,661 06
Total debt.....	239,133 86
Amount of government bonds held in county.....	117,751 00
No. of Coroner's inquests held.....	12
Killed by accident.....	8
Suicides.....	2
Violent and sudden deaths.....	2
No. indicted for statutory crimes.....	2
No. indicted for crimes against property.....	3
No. indicted for crimes against person.....	13
Costs on criminal cases.....	28
Costs collected.....	\$450 07
Fines assessed.....	14 36
Fines collected.....	167 00
Amount forfeited recognizances.....	41 00
	500 00

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Amount collected on forfeited recognizances.....	450 00
Civil judgments.....	264
Amount.....	\$122,296 00
No. of county buildings.....	3
Value of same.....	\$ 230,000 00
No. of buildings destroyed by fire or otherwise.....	11
Value of same.....	\$ 13,870 00
No. of Banks.....	5
Capital.....	\$ 450,000 00
Persons confined in jail during the year.....	58
Aggregate cost.....	\$ 718 25
Where born—United States.....	31
“ Great Britain.....	4
“ Ireland.....	13
“ Germany.....	2
Colored.....	70
No. of paupers in Infirmary.....	200
“ otherwise supplied.....	1,018
Deeds recorded.....	9
Leases recorded.....	588
Mortgages recorded, other than railroad.....	9
Amount of money secured.....	\$649,787 04
Mortgages cancelled.....	247
Money released.....	\$968,684 91
No. of new buildings.....	265
Value of same.....	\$927,515 00

Richland county stands first in the list of counties as regards apples, having produced 368,272 bushels, and second in the list for oats, producing 928,842 bushels.

A large portion of the early settlers of Richland emigrated from Pennsylvania, many of whom were of German origin. It was first settled about the year 1809 on branches of the Mohican. Among the first settlers were Henry McCart, Andrew Craig, James Cunningham, Abraham Baughman, Henry Nail, Samuel Lewis, Peter Kinney, Calvin Hill, John Murphy, Thomas Coulter, Melzar Tannehill, Isaac Martin, Stephen Van Schoick, Archibald Gardiner, and James McClure. About this time also came the Gass's, the Watsons, the Leedies, the Newmans, the Coffinburies and others.

During the war of 1812 a great number of Pennsylvania volunteers traversed the backbone region of Ohio on their way to the relief and support of General Harrison, on the line of the Maumee. They observed the gentle swell of its fertile uplands; the fatness of its intervening valleys; the magnificence of its hickories, oaks, and black walnuts; its copious springs and abounding streams; and when the war came to an end, emigrants from Pennsylvania poured into and appropriated the region which as soldiers they had traversed and admired. Hence the substratum of the population became the Pennsylvania-German—either Lutheran or Reformed, and Pennsylvanian Calvinistic Scotch-Irish. The former was the better judge of the qualities of

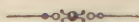
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soil, and the more careful and skillful cultivator of it. It is owing to the larger preponderance of this element in their population that our neighbors of Wayne and Stark Counties are so renowned in agriculture. The Pennsylvania-German County of Stark is the best cultivated county of Ohio, and the Pennsylvania German county of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, is the best cultivated county in the United States of America. But, in public spirit, and in appreciation of the importance of private and public education, the Scotch-Irish were superior. In the intermingling of the two elements, enterprise and conversatism, materialism and idealism, were happily balanced and blended; and it would be hard to find a more desirable population than was furnished by their combination. To these have been added, in minor proportions, the more cosmopolitan elements of the Marylander, the Jerseyman and New Yorker, with now and then a New Englander, with his acuteness, smartness, pushing enterprise, and passion for what he deems progress and improvement; and who, notwithstanding his ever present and somewhat ludicrous assumption that everything good which ever came over the Atlantic came in the May flower and landed at the New England blarneystone of Plymouth Rock, has made himself a valuable and valued ingredient in our population.

Last of all came the great wave of emigration of the European-German, with his indefatigable industry and marvelous economy and thrift; his passion for the ownership of real estate enough to absolve him from the payment of rent; his skill in mechanics, agriculture and horticulture; and his universal instruction in the primary departments of letters and science. He has proved himself to be the friend of common schools, of civilization, of order and of law.

In September, 1812, shortly after the breaking out of the late war with Great Britain, two block-houses were built in Mansfield. One stood about six rods west of the old Court House, and the other a rod or two south. The first was built by a company commanded by Captain Shaeffer, from Fairfield County, and the other by a company of Colonel Charles Williams, of Coshocton. A garrison was stationed at the place until after the battle of the Thames.

At the commencement of hostilities, there was a settlement of friendly Indians, of the Delaware tribe, at a place called Greentown,

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about twelve miles south-east of Mansfield, within the present township of Green. It was a village consisting of some sixty cabins, with a council-house about sixty-feet long, twenty five feet wide, one story in height, and built of posts and clapboarded. The village contained several hundred persons. As a measure of safety, they were collected, in August, 1812, and sent to some place in the western part of the State, under protection of the Government. They were first brought to Mansfield, and placed under guard near where the tan-yard now is, on the run. While there a young Indian and squaw came up to the block-house, with a request to the Chaplain, Rev. James Smith, of Mount Vernon, to marry them after the manner of the whites. In the absence of the guard, who had come up to witness the ceremony, an old Indian and his daughter, aged about twelve years, who were from Indiana, took advantage of the circumstance, and escaped. Two spies from Coshocton, named Morrison and McCulloch, met them near the run, about a mile northwest of Mansfield, on what is now the farm of Dimon Sturges. As the commanding officer, Colonel Kratzer, had given orders to shoot all Indians found out of the bounds of the place, under an impression that all such must be hostile, Morrison, on discovering them, shot the father through the breast. He fell mortally wounded, then springing up, ran about two hundred yards, and fell to rise no more. The girl escaped. The men returned and gave the information. A party of twelve men were ordered out, half of whom were under Sergeant John C. Gilkison, now dead. The men flanked on each side of the run. As Gilkison came up, he found the fallen Indian on the north side of the run, and at every breath he drew, blood flowed through the bullet-hole in his chest. Morrison next came up, and called to McCulloch to come and take revenge. Gilkison then asked the Indian who he was? he replied, "A friend." McCulloch, who by this time had joined them, exclaimed, as he drew his tomahawk, "D—n you! I'll make a friend of you!" and aimed a blow at his head; but it glanced, and was not mortal. At this he placed one foot on the neck of the prostrate Indian, and with another blow buried it in his brains. The poor fellow gave one quiver, and then all was over.

Gilkison in vain endeavored to prevent this inhuman deed, and now requested McCulloch to bury the Indian. "D—n him; no!" was

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the answer; "they killed two or three brothers of mine, and never buried them." The second day following, the Indian was buried, but it was so slightly done that his ribs were seen projecting above ground for two or three years after.

This McCulloch continued an Indian fighter until his death. He made it a rule to kill every Indian he met, whether friend or foe. Mr. Gilkison saw him some time after, on his way to Sandusky, dressed as an Indian. To his question: "Where are you going?" he replied, "To get more revenge!"

There was living at this time, on the Black Fork of the Mohican, about half-a-mile west of where Petersburg now is, a Mr. Martin Ruffner. Having removed his family for safety, no person was with him in his cabin, excepting a bound boy. About two miles southeast stood the cabin of the Seymours. This family consisted of the parents—both very old people—a maiden daughter, Catharine, and her brother Philip, who was a bachelor.

One evening Mr. Ruffner sent out the lad to the creek bottom to bring home the cows, when he discovered four Indians and ran. They called to him, saying that they would not harm him, but wished to speak to him. Having ascertained from him that the Seymours were at home, they left, and he hurried back and told Ruffner of the circumstance, upon which he took down his rifle and started for Seymour's. He arrived there, and was advising young Seymour to go to the cabin of a Mr. Copus, and get old Mr. Copus and his son to come up and help take the Indians prisoners, when the latter were seen approaching. Upon this young Seymour passed out of the back door, and hurried to Copus', while the Indians entered the front door with their rifles in hand.

The Seymours received them with an apparant cordiality, and the daughter spread the table for them. The Indians, however, did not appear to be inclined to eat, but soon arose and commenced the attack. Ruffner, who was a powerful man, made a desperate resistance. He clubbed his rifle, and broke the stock to pieces; but he fell before superior numbers, and was afterward found dead and scalped in the yard, with two rifle balls through him, and several fingers cut off by a tomahawk. The old people and daughter were found tomahawked and scalped in the house.

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These murders, supposed to have been committed by some of the Greentown Indians, spread terror among the settlers, who immediately fortified their cabins, and erected several block-houses. Among the block-houses erected was Nail's, on the Clear Fork of the Mohican; Beams' on the Rocky Fork; one on the site of Ganges, and a picketed house on the Black Fork, owned by Thomas Coulter.

Shortly after this, a party of twelve to fourteen militia from Guernsey County, who were out on a scout, without any authority burnt the Indian village of Greentown, at this time deserted. At night they stopped at the cabin of Mr. Copus, on the Black Fork, about nine miles from Mansfield. The next morning, as four of them were at a spring washing, a few rods from the cabin, they were fired upon by a party of Indians in ambush. They all ran for the house, except Wor-nock, who retreated in another direction, and was afterward found dead in the woods, about half-a-mile distant. His body was resting against a tree, with his handkerchief stuffed in the wound in his bowels. Two of the others, George Shipley and John Tedrick, were killed and scalped between the spring and the house. The fourth man, Robert Dye, in passing between the shed and cabin, suddenly met a warrior with his uplifted tomahawk. He dodged and escaped into the house, carrying with him a bullet in his thigh. Mr. Copus at the first alarm had opened the door, and was mortally wounded by a rifle-ball in his breast. He was laid on the bed, and the Indians shortly attacked the cabin. "Fight and save my family!" he exclaimed, "for I am a dead man." The attack was fiercely made, and several balls came through the door, upon which they pulled up the puncheons from the floor and placed against it. Mrs. Copus and her

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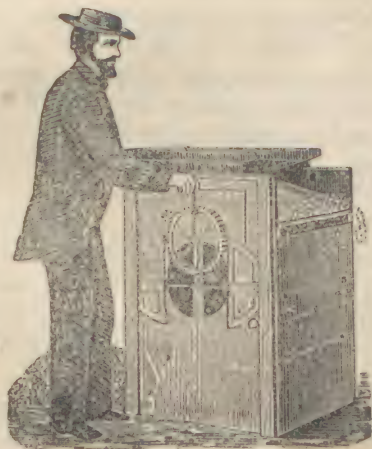
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daughter went up into the loft for safety, and the last was slightly wounded in the thigh, from a ball fired from a neighboring hill. One of the soldiers, George Lantz, was in the act of removing a chunk of wood to fire through, when a ball entered the hole and broke his arm. After this, he watched and saw an Indian put his head from behind a stump. He fired, and the fellow's brains were scattered over it. After about an hour, the Indians having suffered severe loss, retreated. Had they first attacked the house, it is probable an easy victory would have been gained by them.

Mr. Levi Jones was shot by some Greentown Indians in the northern part of Mansfield, in the succeeding Autumn, somewhere near the site of Riley's Mill. He kept a store in Mansfield, and when the Greentown Indians left, refused to give up some rifles they had left as security for debt. He was way-laid, and shot and scalped. The report of the rifles being heard in town, a party went out and found his body much mutilated, and buried him in the old graveyard.

After the war, some of the Greentown Indians returned to the county to hunt, but their town having been destroyed, they had no fixed residence. Two of them, young men by the names of Seneca John and Quilipetoxe, came to Mansfield one noon, had a frolic in Williams' tavern, on the site of the North American Hotel, and quarreled with some whites. About four o'clock in the afternoon they left, partially intoxicated. The others, five in number, went in pursuit, vowing revenge. They overtook them about a mile east of town, shot them down, and buried them at the foot of a large maple on the edge of the swamp by thrusting their bodies down deep in the mud. The skeletons remain to this day. The place is known as "Spook Hollow."

Among those whose names stand conspicuous in the memorials of the early settlers, is that of Jonathan Chapman, but more usually known as Johnny Appleseed. Few were more widely known or more extremely useful to the pioneers than this blameless and benevolent man. The evil that he did, if any, appears not to have been known; the good that he accomplished was not "interred with his bones," but "lives after him," and bears its annual fruit over a surface of over



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There were several of these nurseries within the bounds of Richland County. One of them was located within the present limits of the City of Mansfield, a short distance southeast of the Transfer House of the Atlantic & Great Western and Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago Railroads. Two or three of the original trees are still remaining.

The Hon. John H. James, of Urbana, in a series of letters addressed to the Cincinnati Horticultural Society "On Early Gardening" in the West, and printed in the Cincinnati daily papers, says: "I first saw Johnny Appleseed in 1826, and have since learned something of his history. He came to my office in Urbana, bearing a letter from the late Alexander Kimmont. The letter spoke of him as a man generally known by the name of Johnny Appleseed, and that he might desire some counsel about a nursery he had in Champaign County. His case was this: Some years before, he had planted a nursery on the land of a person who gave him leave to do so, and he was told that the land had been sold, and was now in other hands, and that the present owner might not recognize his right to the trees. He did not seem very anxious about it, and continued walking to and fro as he talked, and at the same time continued eating nuts. Having advised him to go and see the person, and that on stating his case he might have no difficulty, conversation turned. I asked him about his nursery, and whether the trees were grafted. He answered "No!" rather decidedly, and said that the proper and natural mode was to raise fruit trees from the seed.

"He seemed to know much about my wife's family, and whence they came, and this was on account of their church. He did not ask to see them, and on being asked whether he would like to do so, he declined, referring to his dress, that he was not fit, and he must yet go some miles on his way. He was of moderate height, very coarsely clad, and his costume carelessly worn. His name, as I heard afterward, was Jonathan Chapman.

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"In the use of food he was very abstemious, and one of my informants thinks that he used only vegetable diet. At night he slept, of choice, in some adjoining grove.

"He was a zealous propagator of the doctrines of Emanuel Swedenborg, and he possessed some very old and much-worn copies of some of his works, which he continually lent where he could find persons to read them. It is said that he even divided some of his books into pieces of a few sheets each, and would leave the fragments at different places in succession, and would diligently supply the parts, as if his books were in serial numbers.

"Nearly all the early orchards in Licking County were planted from his nursery. He also had nurseries in Knox, in Richland and in Wayne Counties. As new counties opened, he moved westward, and he was in Crawford County about the year 1832, after which I trace him no further, until I learned of his death, at Fort Wayne. The physician who attended him in his last illness, and was present at his death, was heard to enquire what was Johnny Applesced's religion—he would like to know, for he had never seen a man in so placid a state at the approach of death, and so ready to go into another world."

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An old uncle of ours tells us the first time he ever saw Johnny was in 1806, in Jefferson County, Ohio. He had two canoes lashed together, and was taking a lot of apple seeds down the Ohio River. About that time he planted sixteen bushels of seeds on one acre of the grand old farm on the Walhonding River, known as the Butler Farm.

"All up and down the Ohio and Muskingum, and their then wild and pretty tributaries, did poor Johnny glide along alone, with his rich freight of seeds, stopping here and there to plant nurseries. He always selected rich, secluded spots of ground. One of them we remember now, and even still it is picturesque, and beautiful and primal. He cleared the ground himself—a quiet nook, over which the tall sycamores reached out their long arms as if in protection. Those who are nurserymen now should compare their facilities with those of poor Johnny, going about with a load in a canoe, and, when occasion demanded, a great load on his back. To those who could afford to buy, he always sold on very fair terms ; to those who couldn't, he always gave or made some moderating trade, or took a note payable some time—and rarely did that time ever come.

"Among his many eccentricities was one of bearing pain like an undaunted Indian warrior. He gloried in suffering.

"Very often he would thrust pins and needles into his flesh without a tremor or a quiver ; and if he had a cut or a sore, the first thing he did was to sear it with a red hot iron, and then treat it as a burn.

"He hardly ever wore shoes, except in winter ; but, if traveling in the summer time, and the rough roads hurt his feet, he would wear sandals, and a big hat that he made himself, out of pasteboard, with one side very large and wide, and bent down to keep the heat from his face.

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children never laughed at him, because their parents all loved and revered him as a good old man, a friend and a benefactor.

"Almost the first thing he would do when he entered a house, and was weary, was to lie down on the floor, with his knapsack for a pillow, and his head toward the light of a door or window, when he would say, 'Will you have some fresh news right from heaven?' and carefully take out his old worn books, a testament, and two or three others, the exponents of the beautiful religion that Johnny so zealously lived out—the Swedenborgian Doctrine.

"We can hear him read now, just as he did that summer day when we were busy quilting up stairs, and he lay near the door, his voice rising denunciatory and thrilling—strong and loud as the roar of waves and winds, then soft and soothing as the balmy airs that stirred and quivered the morning-glory leaves about his gray head.

"His was a strange, deep eloquence at times. His language was good and well chosen, and he was undoubtedly a man of genius.

"Sometimes, in speaking of fruit, his eyes would sparkle, and his countenance grow animated and really beautiful, and if he was at table, his knife and fork would be forgotten. In describing apples, we could see them just as he, the word-painter, pictured them—large, lush, creamy-tinted ones, or rich, fragrant, and yellow, with a peachy tint on the sun-shiney side, or crimson red, with the cool juice ready to burst through the tender rind.

"Johnny had one sister, Perris Broom, of Indiana. She was not at all like him; a very ordinary woman, talkative, and free in her frequent 'Say's she's and say's I's.'

"He died near Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1846 or 1848, a stranger among strangers, who kindly cared for him. He died the death of the righteous, calmly and peacefully, and with little suffering or pain. So long as his memory lives will a grateful people say: 'He went about doing good.'

In "Ohio Historical Collections," by Henry Howe, p. 432, occurs the following notice of Johnny Appleseed, which generally conforms to statements from other sources:

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keeping on the outskirts of the settlements, and following his favorite pursuit. He was accustomed to clear spots in the loamy lands on the banks of the streams, plant his seeds, inclose the ground, and then leave the place until the trees had in a measure grown. When the settlers began to flock in and open their clearings, Johnny was ready for them with his young trees, which he either gave away or sold for some trifle, as an old coat, or any article of which he could make use. Thus he proceeded for many years, until the whole country was, in a measure, settled and supplied with apple trees, deriving self-satisfaction amounting to almost delight in the indulgence of his engrossing passion. About twenty years since he removed to the far West, there to enact over again the same career of humble usefulness.

"His personal appearance was as singular as his character. He was a small 'chunked' man, quick and restless in his motions and conversation; his beard, though not long, was unshaven, and his hair was long and dark, and his eyes black and sparkling. He lived the roughest life, and often slept in the woods. His clothing was mostly old, being generally given to him in exchange for apple trees. He went bare-footed, and often traveled miles through the snow in that way. In doctrine he was a follower of Swedenborg, leading a moral, blameless life, likening himself to the primitive Christians, literally taking no thought for the morrow.

"Wherever he went he circulated Swedenborgian works, and if short of them, would tear a book in two and give each part to different persons.

"He was careful not to injure any animals, and thought hunting morally wrong. He was welcome everywhere among the settlers, and treated with great kindness, even by the Indians. We give a few anecdotes, illustrative of his character and eccentricities:

"On one cool autumnal night while lying by his camp-fire in the woods, he observed that the mosquitoes flew in the blaze and were burned. Johnny, who wore on his head a tin utensil which answered both as a cap and a wash pot, filled it with water and quenched the fire, and afterward remarked, 'God forbid that I should build a fire for my comfort, that should be the means of destroying any of his creatures.' Another time he made his camp-fire at the end of a



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hollow log, in which he intended to pass the night, but finding it occupied by a bear and her cubs, he removed his fire to the other end, and slept on the snow in the open air, rather than to disturb the bear. He was, one morning, in the prairie, and was bitten by a rattlesnake. Some time after a friend inquired of him about the matter. He drew a long sigh and replied: 'Poor fellow! he only just touched me, when I, in an ungodly passion, put the heel of my scythe in him and went home. Some time after I went there for my scythe, and there lay the poor fellow dead.'

"He bought a coffee bag, made a hole in the bottom, through which he thrust his head, and wore it as a cloak, saying it was as good as anything. An itinerant preacher was holding forth on the public square, in Mansfield, and exclaimed, 'Where is the bare-footed Christian traveling to Heaven?' Johnny, who was lying on his back on some timber, taking the question in its literal sense, raised his bare feet in the air and vociferated, 'Here he is!'

"He declined, repeatedly, invitations to take food with the elder members of the family at the first table, and it was not until he became fully assured that there would be an abundant supply of food for the children who remained in waiting, that he would partake of the proffered hospitality. He was never known to have slept in a bed, his habit being either to 'camp out' in the woods, or, if sleeping in a house, to occupy the floor. He placed very little value upon money. His cash receipts from sales of fruit trees were invested in objects of charity, or in the purchase of books, illustrating his peculiar religious faith.

"On a morning after he had slept on Mr. Slocum's floor, Mr. Slocum found a five dollar bank note in the room near the place where Chapman had passed the night. Being well persuaded on the point of ownership, he left his house in search of Mr. Chapman, and as he was yet in town, soon came up with him and inquired whether he had not lost a five dollar note. Upon examination of his pockets, Mr. Chapman concluded he had, and received the note, but remonstrated with Mr. Slocum against incurring so much trouble on his account."

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Green and Hanover Townships of Ashland County, and who well remembers Mr. Chapman, relates an incident illustrating a trait of character which could be cultivated with profit by the 'fast people' of this day. Calling at the cabin of a farmer, Chapman discovered near the door-way a bucket of slops, which the house-wife had probably designed for the pigs, and upon the surface of which were floating some fragments of bread. He at once employed himself in removing these pieces from the bucket, and while thus engaged, the woman of the house appeared. He greeted her with a gentle rebuke of her extravagance, urging upon her the sinfulness of waste, and that it was wickedness and an abuse of the gifts of a merciful God to suffer the smallest quantity of anything which was designed to minister to the wants of mankind to be diverted from its purpose.

He never purchased covering for his feet. When he used anything in the form of boots or shoes, they were cast-off things, or generally unmated, which he would gather up, however dilapidated they might appear, always insisting that it was a sin to throw aside a boot or shoe until it had become so thoroughly worn out as to be unable to adhere to a human foot.

His Swedenborgian books were, as before stated, ever present companions. Mr. Josiah Thomas enquired of Johnny whether, in traveling on bare feet through the forests abounding in venomous snakes, he did not entertain fears of being bitten. "This book," replied the old man, "is an infallible protection against all danger here and hereafter."

We have thus given such incidents as are deemed from authentic sources, designed to impress upon the mind of the reader the characteristics of this eccentric and remarkable man, whose simple habits, unostentatious charities and life of self-denial, consecrated to the relief of suffering humanity and the amelioration of all God's creatures, are embalmed in the memory of all the early settlers.

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This town, intended and destined from the first for the seat of justice of the county, was surveyed and platted in June, 1808. The proprietors were Joseph Larwill, of Wooster, Ohio, who died there a few years ago, over four score years of age; James Hedges, who lived here to the age of seventy-four years, and who, during his life, was honored by his fellow-citizens with many important public trusts; and Jacob Newman, who died a younger man, but whose descendants are still residents of the city. The survey and plat of the town were made for the proprietors by Jared Mansfield, who was the father of Edward D. Mansfield, of Warren County, Ohio, late Commissioner of Statistics for this State. They named their town after their surveyor, and as a further mark of their regard, made him a deed of gift for a lot fronting on the north side of the public square—lot No. 100. What motive led to the selection of this particular site for the town is not known; but probably the central character of the location, and the close proximity of the "big spring," were no inconsiderable elements in the problem.

Mr. Larwill pitched his tent on the rise of ground above the big spring, and opened the first sale of lots on the 8th day of October, 1808. The first house in town was built on the Sturges' corner (lot No. 97), by Samuel Martin.

Mansfield derived its name from Col. Jared Mansfield, who was born in New Haven, Connecticut, about the year 1759. He graduated at Yale College in 1777, taught school first at New Haven, and afterwards at Philadelphia. Becoming known to Mr. Jefferson, he received the appointment of Professor of Natural Philosophy at the

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Now, after a lapse of sixty-five years, but few, if any of the old landmarks remain. About the last structure left us, which can lay any claim to antiquity, is the Old Court House, and that is being torn down, and in a few weeks will be reckoned among the things that were.

At the dedication of the New Court House, on the 22d of January, 1873, Gen. R. Brinkerhoff, the orator of the occasion, gave as follows the history of the

### OLD COURT HOUSE :

"Sixty years ago, and the place where we now stand was a forest. Nearly the whole State of Ohio was a howling wilderness. Wild animals and wilder men roamed its hills and peopled its valleys. It was only here and there, at long intervals, that the smoke of a settler's cabin, or the sound of settler's ax, indicated the presence of a coming civilization.

"On the 1st day of March, 1813, nearly sixty years ago, the county of Richland, as such, was organized. There was a small settlement in the present boundaries of Worthington Township, which, so far as I can learn, was the first in the county. There was another in Mifflin; another in Jefferson, and still another in Troy. In Mansfield a few cabins had gathered around the two block houses, which then stood upon the public square.

"The war of 1812 had let loose the savages upon the settlers, and hence these block houses had been built. One of these block houses was made of round logs, and stood on the west side of the square. The other was of hewn logs, and stood on the north side, near the present site of the Old Court House.

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"During the three succeeding years, and until the close of the war, the influx of emigration was not very great, but still there were people enough to require some means for the administration of justice, and therefore, Andrew Coffinberry was appointed Justice of the Peace. The first process issued by him was against his brother George, for chopping wood on the Sabbath. That was the first introduction of Sabbath-keeping in this region of country. Prior to this time it was unknown, save as a day of sports, such as hunting, fishing, shooting at mark and pitching quoits. About this time another vice of civilization was attacked by the settlers, in a manner equitable and efficient. The citizens of Mansfield assembled together and enacted a law that every man who got drunk should dig out a stump. The result was that the public square in a short time was cleared of stumps. The morning after the passage of this law, a man by the name of Henry T. Bell was observed chopping at a stump on the square, and some one asked him 'if he had been drunk?' he replied, 'no, not yet,' but he expected to be before night, and as he hated to be in debt, he was making payment in advance.' I have no means of ascertaining the population at the time, but it certainly could not have been much over five hundred. Still, limited as it was, there was an evident occasion for some local means for a more extended enforcement of the laws of the State. This need resulted in the establishment of a Court of Common Pleas at Mansfield, and the occupancy of the block house on the north side of the square as a Court House. The preliminary arrangements for this important event are officially narrated and preserved in the Commissioners' records. Under date of July 10th, 1813, it states that 'the Commissioners proceeded to examine the block house in Mansfield, and to order the same to be prepared for the reception of the Court, and that the lower part of the same be prepared for the reception of

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“On the 4th of August following, we have the records, that the bids were opened, and that Mr. Luther Coe was the lucky man, his bid being forty-six dollars. The contract was awarded to him with an additional one for the construction of a hand rail, for the outside stairway for which he was to receive two dollars.

“On the seventh of September following, Mr. Coe having completed his contract, received his pay by ‘an order on Winn Winship, the agent for James Hedges, for the amount of the consideration agreed upon, being forty-eight dollars, which is ordered to be paid out of a certain donation, which the said Hedges agreed to pay for the use of public buildings in the town of Mansfield.’

The first session of the Court was held on Saturday, the 28th day of August, 1813. The Associated Judges only were present, viz: Thomas Coulter, William Gass and Peter Kinney. The only business of the Court was the appointment of Jonathan Coulter and Rebecca Boyd as Administrators of Levi Jones, who had been murdered by the Indians the previous year, and who was the first merchant in Mansfield. Winn Winship, George Coffinberry and Rolin Weldon were appointed appraisers of the property of said Levi Jones.

“On the 9th of September following, the Associate Judges again organized the Court, and held a two days’ session. The last will and testament of Jacob Newman was presented, proved and ordered to be recorded. Andrew Coffinberry and James McClure were

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"The next day, September 10th, the Court 'ordered that the Treasurer pay Samuel McClure twelve dollars and twenty-five cents, for seven days' service as Commissioner. Also nine dollars and twenty-five cents to Melzar Tannchill, for five days service as Commissioner. Also fourteen dollars to Samuel Watson for eight days' service as Commissioner.

"The record then proceeds as follows: 'The Court proceeded to the appointment of a permanent Clerk of said Court, the ballots being examined, Winn Winship was clearly elected to the office.'

"The Court then proceeded to the appointment of a Recorder. 'The ballots being opened and examined, Andrew Coffinberry was found to be clearly elected.'

"The Court proceeded to the election of a County Surveyor, and the ballots being opened and examined, it was found that William Biddle was duly elected.'

These several officers were then sworn in, and the Court adjourned.

"The first record we have of a session of the Court, at which all the Judges were present, is as follows: 'A Court of Common Pleas, held in Mansfield, on Thursday, January 15, 1814; present—the Honorable William Wilson, President, Peter Kenny, Thomas Coulter and James McClure, Associate Judges, which last produced his commission and took his seat.'

"The following Grand Jury appeared and took their seats, and after being qualified and received their charge, retired: Isaac Pearce, foreman, George Coffinberry, Chusthy Brubaker, Thomas Lofland, Samuel Hill, Amariah Watson, George Campbell, Hugh Cunningham, Melzar Tannchill, Ebenezer Rice, Wm. Slater, Wm. Biddle, Solomon Lee and Rolin Weldon.'

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"The war was over now and emigration was brisk, and hence this brood of landlords.

"It was also ordered that 'the following rules be adopted as the rules of this Court:

"1st. That the plaintiff in every suit, either commenced in this Court or brought into it by appeal, file his declaration in forty days after the return of the writ or the entry of the appeal, or else be nonsuited.

"2d. Ordered that the defendant file his plea in thirty days after filing of the declaration or that judgment be entered against him by default."

"The record then proceeds: 'The Grand Jury returned into Court, and, having no business before them, were discharged from any further attendance at this Court.'

"The next day, January 14th, the Associate Judges met and appointed an administrator and audited a couple of bills and adjourned, and from that day to the present, the machinery of justice in Richland County has never failed of an efficient existence. The County now was in the full tide of prosperity. The war was over, and along the military roads which the war had opened, the tide of emigration rolled in. As population increased the needs of justice increased. From the records we find that on the 5th day of June, 1816, an appropriation of seven dollars was made to James Moore, Deputy Sheriff, for summoning the Grand Jury and making repairs to the block house for the use of the Court.

"On the 8th of July, 1816, 'the Commissioners proceeded to lay down the particulars of the plan of a new court house and jail to be erected, and filed the same for inspection of all such persons as may wish to undertake the building of the same.'

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"On the 3d day of December, 1816, by order of the Commissioners, 'the two block houses standing on the Public Square were set up at public auction, which were bid off as follows, to-wit: the hewn log house to Alexander Curran at fifty-six dollars and forty cents, and the round log block house to Jacob Snider at twenty dollars, who severally obligated themselves to pay the said sums into the county treasury.'

"The new court house was built of hewn logs. The logs were one foot square, and were laid up in double tiers one foot apart and the space filled in with stone up to the second story. The first story was used as a jail. The second story constituted the court room. When the jury went out to deliberate they were accommodated with quarters in some private house or barn.

"This court house may seem a little rough to us of this generation, but when we come to compare our situation and ability to pay with the people of that day, we will find no occasion for boasting. That this is so, a brief examination of the surrounding circumstances, or the '*res gestae*,' as the lawyers say, will abundantly verify.

"From this examination we can also get an idea of the character and methods of litigation in those days.

"The first resident lawyer of Mansfield was John M. May, who died only three years ago, and who is remembered by all of us as Father May. He came here in 1815, and a few weeks before his death he gave me a statement of his recollections of those days. In 1815 there were about a dozen houses in the village of Mansfield. On the Sturges' corner there was a small one-story frame building, about 18-by-25 feet in size, and occupied by Dr. Royal N. Powers. During that year E. P. Sturges and Buckingham Sherwood came to town with a stock of goods, and having purchased the house and lot of Dr. Powers, opened up a store. There was, also, a small frame building on the North American corner, occupied by Samuel Williams as a tavern. There was, also, a dwelling house situated on the present site of the Farmers Bank, owned and occupied by Winn Winship, the first Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. On the east side of the square, a little north of the present site of the Methodist Church, was a small dwelling house, owned and occupied by James Moore, then Deputy Sheriff of the County. Andrew Coffin-

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"General Hedges, one of the original proprietors of the town, was also one of the residents of the village.

"It is evident enough from this statement, that the tax duplicate for village and county could not have been very large, and that a Court House assessment of two thousand dollars was by no means a light one.

"The class of cases most frequently before the Courts in those early times were injuries to the person, such as assaults and batteries and the like. In those days feats of strength were the admiration of the people, and no gala day was complete without its wrestling, jumping or fighting match. The crowning glory of militia muster or an election was a ring fight. In fact, the current saying of the country was, 'where there is no fighting there is no fun.'

"Every neighborhood had its bully, or chief fighter, and these were pitted against each other like game cocks. These fights often ended in a melee, in which whole neighborhoods were engaged against each other. Father May remembered one general fight of this kind, which took place on the public square, between the Clear Forkers and Black Forkers. The Clear Forkers were the fighting men living in the southern portion of the County, in the valley of the Clear Fork, and the Black Forkers were from the northern and eastern portions of the County, living along the Black Fork. These two regions were always at enmity, and always getting into fights with each other.

"Among the Black Forkers, the Prossers, Burrells and Pittengers were noted fighting men. Jonathan Prosser was their champion man. Among the Clear Forkers were the Broodies, the Slaters and Driskills. Of these Stephen Broody was the champion.

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"At the time referred to by Mr. May, he noticed Stephen Brodie and Bill Slater riding up to the North American corner. They hitched their horses, and then he noticed Burrell and two of the Prosser boys ride up also. Jonathan Prosser jumped off of his horse and told Brodie he was going to whip him. May saw there was going to be a fight, and so he and Sylvanus Day got up on a big stump on the square to see the fun.

"The crowd gathered around, and all joined hands and formed a ring around the champions. Prosser and Brodie stripped to the buff and prepared for battle. May said they looked like giants. Soon after the fight commenced and was going on in due order, according to the rules of the ring, when all of a sudden, Bill Slater made a rush to break through the ring; as he came up, Burrell let go and knocked him down like a beef. May thought he was dead. The ring was then reformed and the fight went on as before. Presently, however, Slater came to, and raising up, caught Burrell by the leg and threw him down. He then got on top of him and commenced pounding him. This brought on a general fight, and all hands went in with a will. The result was the Clear Forkers came out ahead. Mr. May was then Prosecuting Attorney, and at the next term indicted and fined the leaders of both parties.

"In those days the leading lawyers were in the habit of traveling with the Court from county to county. Among those from abroad who attended the Courts at Mansfield, were William Stansberry, of Newark, Hosmer Curtis and Samuel Mott, of Mt. Vernon, Alexander Harper and Elijah Merwin, of Zanesville, Charles S. Sherman, from Lancaster.

"Hosmer Curtis was the first Prosecuting Attorney, and he was succeeded by Mr. May in 1816. Mr. May was succeeded by Mr. Wm. B. Raymond, of Wooster.

"The Judges were appointed by a joint ballot of both Houses of the General Assembly, and held office for seven years. Judge Wilson was succeeded by George Todd (father of Governor Todd), and he by Alexander Harper. Then came David Higgins, Dean, Parker, Cox and Stewart. A series of Judges of which any County may well be proud.

"Judge Parker was yet in his prime when I came here in 1850, a student at law, and I knew him very well. He was a walking encyclopædia of legal learning; whatever was '*res adjudicata*' he seemed to know, and he read reports as young people read novels—for the love of them.

"Judge Stewart was the opposite of Parker. He read reports but little, and cared for them less. What the law ought to be he

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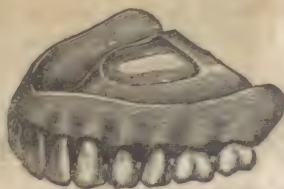
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knew by an intuition, which was almost unerring, and so he ruled. This trait sometimes offended counsel, and perhaps justly, but I venture to say that very few of Judge Stewart's decisions were ever overruled. He was a born Judge. Physically and mentally he was a massive man. Take him all in all, I doubt if we ever had his superior upon the Common Pleas bench of Ohio.

"The pioneers of Ohio were a noble race of men. They were large-minded, many-sided men. They were compelled, by the necessities of their situation, to know something of almost everything, and to do almost everything, and hence they developed their faculties in all directions.

"We, of this generation, are narrowed in our pursuits and experiences, and as civilization advances and society becomes more complex, we shall be more narrowed. The tendencies are now to specialities. Our lawyers, and especially those of our larger cities, are no longer jurists in the broad signification of that term, as understood twenty, thirty or forty years ago. They are criminal lawyers, railroad lawyers, insurance lawyers or something of that kind. Our doctors are eye doctors, or ear doctors, or consumption doctors, or doctors of some other special organ or disease. So with mechanics, agriculture, manufactures and everything else. Doubtless as society develops, this differentiation must go forward, and the economy of forces requires that it should go forward, but yet it does seem to me that a man who devotes himself and all the energies of a lifetime to the mastery and management of one little cog in the great machinery of society, must be a narrow-minded man. Men of that kind never founded States, or guided with wisdom the destinies of nations. The pioneers of Ohio, and of all the other States in fact, were not that kind of men. They were men developed in all directions, and hence 'there were giants in those days.'

"Doubtless, we, of this younger generation, have larger opportunities, a more general education, and greater material comforts in every direction, yet, I fear it must be confessed, that for sterling integrity, and a far-seeing and comprehensive judgment, the pioneers of Ohio are without a parallel or a peer to-day.

"The strength of a State does not consist altogether in the multitudes of its people, or in the magnitude of its bank account. If men of brains and men of conscience are wanting, its material prosperity will avail but little.

"Xerxes and his five millions of followers threatened the whole continent of Europe, and yet a little band of Grecians was his master, and from that day to the present, through the ages, Salamis and Thermopylae have remained a lesson and a warning.



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"The truth is, prosperity is harder than adversity in its influences upon character, and therefore, in our days of triumph, like the present, it behoves us to remember our dangers as well as our blessings.

"Here we are to-day, gathered together in this noble structure, which fittingly represents the wealth and culture of our county, and yet our reflections are not altogether joyous, when we remember that the magnificent surroundings do not always indicate justice, equity and righteousness. We have heard too much of late of Tammany rings and Railroad robberies, of Credit Mobiliers and Legislative briberies, to be altogether certain of our future. Thank God for one thing—Ohio, for the most part, is clear of these villainies, and if we are true to ourselves, she will be still more so in the future.

"However this may be, we of Richland County, and especially those of us who belong to the Richland bar, have duties to discharge which are emphasized by the new facilities which are this day afforded us.

"The bar of Richland County has a history of which it has every reason to be proud. There is no bar in the State which has furnished more occupants of distinguished places. Three Governors, one Lieutenant-Governor, two United States Senators, two Supreme Judges, four Common Pleas Judges, together with Representatives in Congress and the Legislature too numerous to mention. All these places have been worthily filled, and the task imposed upon us to keep up the prestige which has thus been given us is not small."

## MODERN MANSFIELD.

*Her advantages as a Business and Manufacturing Center—Her Educational, Moral, Social and Hygienic Condition.*

### LOCATION.

The City of Mansfield is situated in the central northern part of the State, among the foot hills of the Alleghenies, on the very backbone of the great wheat belt, and upon four trunk lines of Railroads to the East, West, North and South—a Railroad system radiating by means of direct lines and connections to every part of the compass. She is within three hours ride of Cleveland, Columbus and Sandusky; seven hours of Cincinnati and Pittsburg; eleven hours of Chicago; twenty hours of New York, and seventeen hours of Philadelphia and Baltimore. All these points, and in fact all important points in the country, are easily attainable by direct rail and telegraph communications.

### POPULATION, CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS.

Mansfield, at the last census, had a population of over 8,000 inhabitants, having nearly doubled her population within the last three years. She contains fifteen

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# PROSPECTUS OF THE "OHIO LIBERAL."

## A New Weekly Newspaper, to be devoted to the Publication of News, to the Advancement of Local Interests, and to the Discussion of all Live Issues in State or Church.

The Liberal Republicans of Ohio, and especially those of Richland County, have long felt the need of some means of communication with the public, other than is now afforded by the partizan or independent press of the State, believing that the times demand a free and full discussion of political and local questions, untrammelled by party ties.

It is evident to every one that legislation and legislators have become corrupt; that bad men have come to the front; that taxes are eating us up; that rings and monopolies are daily growing in power and influence; that reforms are urgently demanded in every branch of the Government. To aid in urging and securing these reforms, the Liberal Republicans of Richland County have organized the

### LIBERAL PUBLISHING COMPANY,

And propose to commence, about the middle of March, the publication of a weekly newspaper, entitled

### "-THE OHIO LIBERAL,"

and continue to publish it so long as good can be accomplished thereby.

It will be a journal devoted to the discussion of living issues only, and although it will have very decided opinions of its own, it will aim to give a hearing to all honest differences of opinion. Untrammelled by party, undaunted by defeat, unpurchasable by favor, it will pursue the even tenor of its way, desiring nothing from victory beyond the recognition in all departments of Government of the principles of truth and justice and of the equal rights to all. In short, the *Ohio Liberal* proposes to handle men and measures without gloves, and to tell the "truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," and to do so without fear, favor or affection.

## Special Features.

All local news and all local interest will receive special attention, and the *Liberal* will aim to be in advance of all its competitors, and to furnish for information and preservation a complete record of current events.

The past will also be remembered, and arrangements have already been made for the weekly publication of the "Pioneer History of Richland County," prepared by Gen. R. Brinkerhoff, who, as is well known, has been gathering material for many years for such a work.

During the present year a new Constitution is to be framed and adopted, which for twenty years to come will shape the legislation of the State, and in view of its importance, special attention will be given to the discussion of questions connected therewith. The revision of the judiciary system: the prohibition of special legislation: the abolition of the death penalty: the question of license or no license: the adoption of the veto power, and many other important subjects will receive thorough ventilation.

Agriculture, mechanics, science and the arts will not be neglected, and a column will be devoted to each, under the charge of a competent editor. In short, the *Liberal* proposes to be a lively paper, up with the times in every department, and fully worth its subscription price, which will be the small sum of \$1.50 per year, in advance, to single subscribers, and \$1.00 a year in clubs of twenty-five. Address,

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churches—Baptist, German Baptist, Disciple, Catholic, Congregational, German Evangelical, English Lutheran, German Lutheran, Methodist Episcopal, German Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian, United Presbyterian, Episcopal, Seceders and Church of God. Her system of Union Schools cannot be excelled in the country. New buildings have been erected and are in process of erection in each of the Wards, which are everything that could be desired in appearance, situation and convenience of appointments. They are in different parts of the city, so as to be within a short distance of and easily accessible to those whom they are especially designed to accommodate. They are conducted on the most approved plan, and are largely attended. They are supplied with an able and efficient corps of instructors, as follows:

Superintendent, H. M. Parker; Principal of High School, Maria Parsons; First Assistant, Francis Comings; Second Assistant, Emma Coburn.

Grammar Grade: A Class, U. J. Shaw; B Class, Fanny Nye; B Class, Harriet Todd; C and D Classes, Mary Avery, Hial Parsons, Margaret Love, C. E. Elliott.

Primary Grade: A and B Classes, Francis Jameson, Harriet Schellenberger, Laura Chandler; A Class, Esther Hyde; B Class, Eliza Pirritte; A and B Classes, Joan Knapp; C and D Classes, Matilda Snyder, Isabel Wilkinson, Sarah E. Parsons; C Class, Mary Dougherty; C Class, Caroline Ehlers; D Class, Mary L. Winters; D Class, Elizabeth Patterson; D Class, Sarah Beal.

Vocal Music, S. C. Harding; Writing and Drawing, J. W. Latimer.

#### SURROUNDING SCENERY—HEALTH.

The scenery in every direction is beautiful. A gentle diversity of hills and valley stretching away on every hand. There is nothing tame or lifeless in the landscape. In fact, there are points not far away, reached by pleasant drives through a well cultivated and fruitful farming country, where nature approaches grandeur in the wild and vigorous beauty that marks the architecture.

Situated near the most elevated point between the lake and river, among the foot hills of the Alleghenies, in a country of rapid drainage, with strong springs of pure soft water gushing from the sand-rocks of her hill sides, Mansfield is free from epidemic or miasmatic influence, and has a wide-spread reputation for health and the robust physique of her people.

#### COAL AND IRON ORE.

East, North-east and South-east, within seventy-five miles, lie exhaustless beds of coal of the finest quality, and iron ore abounds within a radius of one hundred miles. Mansfield's railroad system taps this wealth at every point, and brings it to her doors. The cheap transportation in freights, and her easy access by rail and water to the Lake Michigan mineral regions, render her a favorable point for the manufacture of iron.

#### MANUFACTURERS IN WOOD AND IRON.

Mansfield has already large manufactories of agricultural implements, mechanical machinery, wooden utensils, metal castings, &c., and her decided advantages are daily attracting capitalists who desire a favorable point for establishing new manufacturing interests. Within the last two years she has also built up a jobbing trade exceeding three millions of dollars per annum.

#### HARD AND SOFT LUMBER.

Of hard wood, oak, beech, sugar, ash, maple, hickory and walnut, Richland and adjoining counties have a most abundant supply, whilst the great pineries of the North-west and Western New York and Pennsylvania, by reason of unequalled transportation facilities, are the natural and cheap sources of supply of pine, hemlock and cedar.

#### SANDSTONE AND LIMESTONE.

The hills surrounding Mansfield are full of excellent qualities of building stone, easy to work, and hardening on exposure. A short distance North and West is the famous Sandusky limestone formation, extending from Sandusky through the State. The Ohio State House is constructed of this limestone. Railroads tap this formation at several points, and cheap and good building stone is one of Mansfield's specialties.

#### FUEL—MARKETS.

Fuel, from the abundance of timber and the close proximity of the coal fields, with the competition in freights, is as cheap as at any other point.

The home and foreign markets of Mansfield cannot be excelled. Everything she manufactures or that is produced by the soil of the surrounding country, finds instant market at remunerating prices.

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# Fifth Annual Statement

## OF THE

# FARMERS INSURANCE COMP'NY

## OF HOWARD, OHIO.

Auditor of State's Office,  
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.

*Columbus, Ohio, January 27, 1873.*

*Whereas*, The FARMERS INSURANCE CO., located at Howard, in the State of Ohio, has filed in this office a sworn statement, by the proper officers thereof, showing its condition and business, and has complied in all respects with the laws of this State, relating to Fire Insurance Companies.

*Now, Therefore*, In pursuance of Law, I, WILLIAM F. CHURCH, Superintendent of Insurance of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that said Company is authorized to transact its appropriate business of FIRE INSURANCE in this State, in accordance with law, during the current year. The condition and business of said Company, at the date of said Statement (December 31, 1872), is shown as follows:

Amount of actual paid up Capital.....	\$100,000 00
Aggregate amount of Available Assets.....	166,195 84
Aggregate amount of Liabilities (except capital), for re-insurance, being 80 per cent. of premiums on risks not terminated.....	81,625 71
Amount of Income for preceding year, in cash.....	34,041 19
Amount of Income for premiums on risks written during the year, not paid in cash.....	24,101 72
Amount of Expenditures for the preceding year in cash.....	19,284 98

### THE ASSETS CONSISTS OF

Loans secured by Mortgage.....	\$118,309 22
Outstanding Premiums, secured by bond.....	24,101 72
Cash deposited in Bank.....	5,065 16
Cash on hand in Company's Office.....	4,976 86
Loans on personal and collateral security.....	7,669 36
Mt. Vernon, S. L. & R. A. Stock.....	1,000 00
Interest accrued on Mt. V. S. L. & R. A. Stock.....	540 00
Interest accrued on personal loans.....	321 17
Interest accrued, but not due, on Mortgage loans.....	412 85
Real Estate and Office Fixtures.....	3,800 00
	\$166,195 84
Amount of property at risk December 31, 1872.....	\$7,795,707 00

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of my office to be affixed, the day and [SEAL] year above written.

**W. F. CHURCH, Sup't.**



**MILL STREAMS, WATER POWER, ETC.**

The various branches of the Mohicon, which drain the county, furnish ample water power for a large number of grist, saw and woolen mills. In fact, some of the springs discharge such volumes as to furnish constant water power for mills.

**OUR RAILROAD SYSTEM.**

The railroad facilities of Mansfield are excelled by no point in the State. The Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago gives her an outlet to Chicago and the West, and Pittsburgh and the East, traversing a wide extent of country, rich in timber, agricultural and mineral wealth. The Baltimore and Ohio—Lake Erie Division—brings within easy reach the finest harbor on the Lake, at Sandusky, and opens the door to the extensive lumber regions of Eastern Michigan and the commerce of the Lakes; whilst southward it taps the exhaustless coal and mineral region of the Muskingum valley. The Atlantic and Great Western Railway traverses easterly to the rich coal and oil fields of Eastern Ohio and Pennsylvania, and south-westwardly to the rich agricultural districts of the Scioto and Miami valleys. All these are Trunk Lines, and lead to all the great markets of the country.

Besides these, a new railroad, the Mansfield, Coldwater and Lake Michigan, will be completed by the time this book is out, and will tap the fertile North-western counties of Ohio, and penetrating the growing cities and great forests of Michigan, where lumber, plaster, salt, etc., are produced in exhaustless quantities. The shops of this road, to be built at Mansfield, will add largely to her importance and prosperity.

**IN GENERAL,**

Mansfield is just the place for the employment of enterprise and capital. She is lighted with gas, and the city water works are complete and give satisfaction. They were erected at a cost of \$153,000, and consists of ten miles of pipe, eighty-three double hydrants and seven-seven valves. The capacity is two millions of gallons per day. She has health, good society, fine residences and all the means of social, educational and moral advancement. Her gentle knolls and undulations furnish fine building sites, and her railroads unsurpassed facilities for traffic and intercommunication. In short, she is a pleasant, growing, live little city, with a future.

**THE WHOLESALE TRADE.**

In regard to the wholesale trade of Mansfield, we may commence with the well known dry goods firm of

**WOOD & WITTER.**

They have lately removed from their old place of business to Hedges' new business block, corner of the Square and East Diamond Street. They occupy four stories, fronting on the Square 41 feet, side on East Diamond 120 feet, and rear on an open space for drays, on a level with the basement, it being the east of Hedges' new block, which is 101-by-120, the balance being occupied by Messrs. Weaver, McBride & Co., Wholesale Boots and Shoes, E. P. Sturges & Co., Wholesale Grocers, and Messrs. Harroun & Hammond, Wholesale Crockery and Glassware; so that nearly all a merchant wants can be supplied in the same block.

The strong competition of railroads centering here gives a great advantage in the way of cheap freights. In this respect they, as well as all the wholesale business of Mansfield, have an advantage that cannot be overcome by any point in Ohio, and it presents one of the strong reasons why we have the best railroad point for the wholesale trade there is in the State. From Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore we have really eight competing lines direct. No dealer within fifty or sixty miles in any direction can do as well anywhere else as here. This is shown by the fact that the sales of Messrs. Wood & Witter have, during the past year, aggregated the large sum of over \$505,000, and with the opening of the Mansfield, Coldwater and Lake Michigan Railroad will, together with increased help and facilities for doing business, probably reach over a million dollars this year.

**MESSRS. WEAVER, MCBRIDE & CO.**

Have removed their Wholesale Boot and Shoe House from the Opera House to Hedges' new block, next to Messrs. Wood & Witter, where they occupy with their stock four

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stories, 20-by-120 feet, and are perfectly fixed for busiess, with dray room in the rear on a level with the basement, and elevator to all the stories.

**E. P. STURGES & CO.**

Have also removed their stock into the Hedges' block, and occupy the four stories, as well as another basement, with their stock of Wholesale Groceries, which is surpassed by none, and in quantity by very few establishments in the West. The business of this firm aggregated last year very large, and will be greatly augmented this year by new avenues and increased facilities for business.

**MESSRS. HARROUN & HAMMOND,**

Late Markward & Harroun, have removed their stock of Queensware, Glassware, Looking Glasses, Lamps and Cutlery into the west room of Hedges' new block, where they have four full stories, 20-by-120 feet, with the same facilities for receiving and discharging goods as the other houses in this elegant block. These gentlemen are both experienced in the business and are thorough business men. They are rapidly extending their trade to all sections within reach, and if ability, experience, industry, promptness, integrity, splendid stock and advantages in freights can do it, they will soon have the largest trade in that line in the State.

**J. H. REED & BRO.,**

Are also among the heavy wholesale firms of this city. They have lately removed to Sturges' old corner, and are now prepared to supply the trade in their line.

**TRACY & AVERY,**

Wholesale Groceries, are still at their old corner, and are doing a very fine business. They are one of the oldest firms in this city.

**REMY, HEDGES & WALTER,**

Wholesale Groceries and Confectioners, come next and are at their old place yet, next the Exchange Hotel. This firm is doing a fine business in Groceries, and the Confectionary line is a specialty with them.

**F. S. LAHM & CO.,**

Wholesale Hats, Caps, Trunks, etc. This firm is young yet, but it has a wide and good reputation as a Wholesale Hat, Cap and Trunk Store.

**AULTMAN & TAYLOR MANUFACTURING COMPANY.**

This Company is undoubtedly the heaviest manufacturers in this part of the country. Their Threshing Machines are sold in nearly every State in the United States. They are still increasing their facilities.

**MANSFIELD WOOLEN MILLS.**

This firm is composed of some of the best business men in this city, and is the only woolen mills of any importance in this County. They are prepared to buy all the wool in this County, and manufacture it into different kinds of cloth, etc., etc.

**FLORA & KIRKPATRICK,**

Manufacturers of Brooms. This firm have lately commenced to manufacture brooms of all kinds.

**E. F. WADE & CO.**

This firm has a reputation which is unexcelled in the State as fine Letter-Press and Commercial Printers. The Printing Department is supplied with entirely new machinery, presses, types, cuts, etc., all selected with especial reference to the wants of those who appreciate neat and tasty work. Only skilled Typographic Artists are employed. They are prepared to do any style of Plain or Decorative Printing that may be required. They received the first premium at the last Ohio State Fair.

There are various other manufactories in this County, but we have not space to mention them.

P. S.—Many fine marble structures are taken down and Granite erected in their stead. Every monument should be of Granite, and should have architectural symmetry. Roasbery & Wolff, Mansfield, Ohio, is the place to get Granite monuments. The Queen of Sheba's palace is the latest archaeological discovery, and is of Granite. The worst investment in the world is to build a monument out of poor material. Go to Roasbery & Wolff for Granite Monuments and good designs. Titles written on parchment are of little avail, but a family name engraven on the truly Granite, is beyond the reach of the "tooth of time," fire and water. Go to Roasbery & Wolff for designs and prices before purchasing elsewhere.  
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The interesting History and true Record of Richland County, contained in this small but valuable book, can be and will be handed down, and perpetuated in this way through future posterity; but our names and deeds of "to-day" will not be printed on its pages. Yet every household feels, or ought to feel, an "HONEST" pride in transmitting its own Family Record down to latest posterity. Are our deeds less worthy than the ancient Egyptians? Has this generation less of that principle which longs for immortality than they? Then, instead of our trying to perpetuate the memory of our "departed loved ones" on such shadowy structures as "MARBLE" of any kind, let us use "GRANITE," which has ever saved and handed down through the wreck of so many ages, their lettered tablets, undimmed by the tooth of time, as fresh as when they came from sculptured hands, three thousand years ago.

"Monuments, standing in Abyssinia, built in Solomon's time, are of Granite."

"Melrose Abby, in Scotland, built 700 years ago, is of Granite."

**Roasbery & Wolff, Granite Dealers, Mansfield, Ohio.**

"Cathedral at Glasgow, built 700 years ago, is of Granite."

"The best of Marble Monuments easily tarnish and moss."

**Roasbery and Wolff deal in Granite Monuments, in McFall's Block.**

"Quincy, Mass., Granite is superior to any other native Granite."

"Horace Greeley recommended the use of Quincy Granite for a Monument to 'Cary Sisters.'"

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"Cleopatra's Needle, a Monument 60 feet high, is of Granite."

"The finest structure in India—a superb morgue—is of Granite."

**Roasbery & Wolff, Mansfield, Ohio, McFall's Block, is the place for Granite Monuments.**

"Pompey's Pillar, 90 feet high, is of Granite."

"The Granite Egyptian Monuments, built in the time of Abraham, are still standing, as new."

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